



Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Human Relations Commission Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
280A
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

IN-PERSON / TELEPHONIC / VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024
4:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: March 27, 2024 / 4:33 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Lester J. Friedman; Councilmember Lili Bosse; Nancy Hunt-Coffey, City Manager; Stephanie Harris, Community Services Director; Joana Torres, Community Services Manager; Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator; Enisha Clark, Human Services Outreach Manager; Gregory Barton, Fire Chief; Chair Laura Margo, Human Relations Commission; Commissioner Noelle Freeman; Human Relations Commission; Linda Kyriazi, Management Assistant

- 1) Public Comment
 - a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.
Mark Elliot spoke on Tab #3, CAGF Process update.

- 2) Update on Election Civility Statement
Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, introduced the proposed update to the Election Civility Statement.
 - At the October 2023 Human Relations Commission meeting, Chair Freeman requested to add to the November agenda a discussion of updating the Election Civility Statement. The Chair noted that social media was not a political tool when this statement was created and adopted in 2010 like it is today, and the statement should be updated to reflect that reality. If approved, the updated Election Civility Statement will be included in future Election Handbooks.
 - Commissioner Freeman added that this Election Statement was written prior to social media being as active as it is now.
 - Councilmember Bosse acknowledged the social media activity in the past City election and asked if The Code of Fair Campaign Practices is presented to candidates when they agree to file? Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services, will check with

the City Clerk's office if this document is included in the candidate's packets. Councilmember Bosse also would like to know what's the consequence if violated; how can that be addressed?

- Vice Mayor Friedman supported the change but was unsure of enforcement of civility.
- The red-line changes were reviewed, agreed upon and will move forward to the full City Council for Adoption.

3) CAGF Process Update

Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services, informed the Liaisons that staff is recommending a slightly different process this year for the Community Assistance Grant Fund (CAGF), sorting the organizations into two groups and removing one of those groups from the CAGF process. The first group of organizations are those that provide crucial services to the community and cannot be replicated by City-staff. Serious unintended consequences may be experienced by residents should services not be made available. The City will enter into contractual agreements for services rendered, based on billable hours for Beverly Hills residents, separately and outside of the CAGF process. These organizations include: Jewish Family Services Los Angeles, Beverly Hills CPR, People Assisting the Homeless (P.A.T.H.), Step Up on Second, and Bet Tzedek. The anticipated total amount to contract with these five organizations for Fiscal Year 24/25 is \$1,065,000.

- Councilmember Bosse asked about removing the five applicants, what can be assured to the Community that the checks and balances will remain. Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator informed the Liaisons that these organizations will be submitting invoices for services rendered rather than being provided quarterly payments in advance to supplement their efforts.
- The Liaisons agreed that this process is more fine-tuned, staff will know how many Beverly Hills residents are being served and duplicate of services can be more easily viewed. This item will move forward first to the Commission Ad hoc then to full City Council for concurrence.

4) Adjournment

Date / Time: March 27, 2024 / 5:05 PM